

Remarks/Arguments:

In section one of the Office Action, claim.1 was objected to due to an informality. The Office Action suggests that the word "data" be deleted from claim 1, line 12, for clarity. Applicant has amended claim 1 in accordance with this suggestion for clarity, and not for reasons related to patentability. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

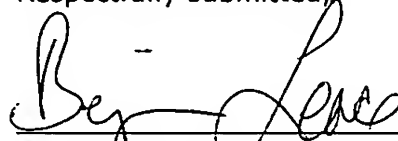
In section three of the Office Action, claims 1-29 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting (i.e., nonstatutory double patenting) as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,389,337. As recited in the Office Action, "[a] timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome ... a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application." Applicant encloses herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1-29 be withdrawn.

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Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims, as amended. Applicant contends that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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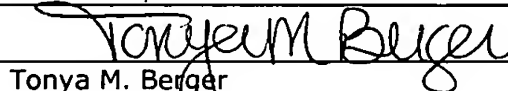
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